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Subject: Endurance
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

K1MER says:

>>A few days ago, Joe Mastroianni, AA6YD, invited all of us here in net-land to
>>partake of his short story "ENDURANCE" in the Feb issue of QST. This message
>>of congratulations is for Joe....

>>Just finished "ENDURANCE"....couldn't put it down !! As a fan(atic) of "real"
>>science fiction for most of my 49 years, I feel qualified to assign such
>>superlatives as "top-notch" and "first-rate" to your story, Joe. Was this
>>your FIRST effort? If so, it had best NOT be your last....you have at least
>>this one new fan begging for MORE !

>>If you like exciting, adventurous story-telling....that combines the best
>>elements of sci-fi with our beloved radio hobby....you absolutely MUST read
>>"ENDURANCE".....I rate it **** !!!!

Are contrary opinions allowed? I thought it was a load of old rubbish :-)
The only reason for calling it Endurance is that this is what it takes on
the part of the reader to finish the thing. People must like these QST
stories, they publish them so often, but I find them a real waste of paper.

Nothing personal against the author, I'm sure it was a good example of its
type, I just get no thrill from reading this type of thing in QST. But then
I have no poetry in my soul. I'd rather be forced to read the sectional
reports in the fine print at the back. And the same goes for the "how my
dog learned CW and saved my life" articles too.

So there, Well, you asked :-)

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Date: 25 Jan 93 17:34:16 GMT
From: ogicse!hp-cv!hp-pcd!hplsla!richw@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: Help! Voyager transmits at 146.52 MHz!
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

There must be a 990 KHz crystal somewhere in my new '92 Voyager,
because I see carriers spaced every 990 KHz over the 2M band.
In particular, $148 \times 990 \text{ KHz} = 146.52 \text{ MHz}$, a frequency I'd rather
be able to use...

The interference goes away only when the key is in the off position.
It's strong enough with my mag mount antenna on the roof that squelch
is broken even with the squelch control at maximum clockwise position.
It's significantly stronger inside the cab. I haven't gone sniffing
under the hood yet.

Has anyone else run into this problem? Any idea where it's coming from?
Any suggestions for getting rid of it? Does anyone know of any good
contacts at Chrysler?

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Rich Wilson Internet: richw@lsid.HP.COM
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Hi! I am a .signature virus. Copy me into your .signature to join in!

Date: 26 Jan 93 01:23:44 GMT
From: ogicse!emory!gatech!europa.asd.contel.com!rocky.ndhm.gtegsc.com!
root@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: HZ goes to the scum-pit once again!
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Mike,

I am amazed that you have dipped to new lows by actually going out and
soliciting flames regarding your position on the codeless techs! I am
not sure if you are one of those deviants who likes to be scolded and
put in his place or you are just plain DUMB! Maybe it is a
combination of both. I hope that your posting will inspire all
codeless techs to get together and bother the hell out of you and your
cronies. Your need for a sense of superiority is simply mind-boggling.

I for one intend to try my best to let all codeless techs know of your

neo-nazi ramblings so that they may unite against you and make you feel as stupid as possible, which many of them have already done a very good job on in their responses to your absurd posting.

Basically, you are a disgrace to the ham radio community and I only can pray that no one will ever find their introduction to ham radio through you and your little group of ham radio rejects...

-Andrea, WS1C

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| Our Repeater Motto:                               |
| Let's All Become No-Codes                           |
| And Bother the Hell out of the High and Mighty!    |
| WS1C/Cockroach                                     |
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Date: Mon, 25 Jan 1993 16:13:34 GMT
From: munnari.oz.au!spool.mu.edu!uwm.edu!cs.utexas.edu!qt.cs.utexas.edu!yale.edu!
newsserver.jvnc.net!darwin.sura.net!mlb.semi.harris.com!news@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: Info needed on BC779B & R270/FRR surplus
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Can someone please post or email me some info on the following surplus receivers....BC779B and R270/FRR .

Thanks much,
Ray

Date: 25 Jan 93 21:08:26 GMT
From: ogicse!hp-cv!hp-pcd!hpspkla!summers@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: Info wanted on GAP antennas
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I am interested in hearing any reports on the quality, performance, etc of the GAP antenna products verticals in general and specifically the Voyager IV (160m to 20m) and the Eagle VI (40m to 10m). Has anyone had experience with these antennas?

I am asking this for a friend that does not read this group. I will forward any replies to him, or his email address is as shown below.

Jim Summers, KD7F
summers@hpspk1a.spk.hp.com
or
Tom_Faulkner@hp1000.desk.hp.com

Date: 25 Jan 93 21:56:49 GMT
From: ogicse!clark!spool.mu.edu!uwm.edu!zaphod.mps.ohio-state.edu!
news.acns.nwu.edu!usenet@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: Info wanted on GAP antennas
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <C1FHE3.52I@spk.hp.com> summers@spk.hp.com (Jim B. Summers) writes:

>I am interested in hearing any reports on the quality, performance, etc
>of the GAP antenna products verticals in general and specifically the
>Voyager IV (160m to 20m) and the Eagle VI (40m to 10m). Has anyone had
>experience with these antennas?

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I have two HF antennas:

- i) A 80m full wave horizontal loop, about 20' up and
- ii) A GAP Voyager IV: 45' tall with a 7' top hat.

Band	Comparison
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20m	The GAP is slightly better for DX. 1/2 s unit or so.
30m	The GAP is not designed for this, it works but is 1 to 2 s units worse than the loop.
40m	The GAP really shines for DX operation in this band. 2 plus S units better for DX.
80m	The GAP is as bad as my low loop. Very surprising and disappointing. I was looking for an improvement in this band.
160m	Gets out but is absolutely deaf. The following instance typifies my experience with it. One evening I called CQ in the DX Window. Did not hear a thing. Some one else qsy to my frequency to answer a G who had replied my CQ.

Overall, the only band in which I get a significant improvement over the Loop is the 40m band. Of course, the loop is 70' to the side and takes up lot more room. However, the loop is cheaper - by far.

The GAP and the Loop are equivalent with regards to QRN.
The Loop works very well on 10 thru 20m (all five bands) with a tuner.

Rajiv aa9ch

Date: 26 Jan 93 03:12:32 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: Internet to Packet gate
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

My question about the gate is this:

Will it also work for someone with a BITNET Account?

I'm sure there are other BITNET Ham users that would like to know this also.

Thanks and 73's

Tim Wright KD40VM

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Date: 26 Jan 93 01:40:52 GMT
From: ogicse!emory!gatech!usenet.ins.cwru.edu!agate!sherw@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: Larsen "kulduckie" w/ HT - is it worth it?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Hello. I recently purchased an Alinco DJ580T HT for around \$360 and I'm quite impressed with it. However, it has been recommended to me to get the Larson dual-band kulduckie antenna to use instead of the shortie that typically comes with all HTs (including mine). I was told by some sources that the Larson would make a great improvement over the factory-included antenna. however, I have other sources who have told me that the Larson wouldn't be worth it - since all "duckies" are practically dummy loads anyway - and any improvement on transmit would be minimal.

Is there a consensus on this? Please post or e-mail your opinion...

thanks and 73-
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KD6QPY

Date: 25 Jan 93 22:33:58 GMT
From: ogicse!flop.ENG.OST.EDU!gaia.ucs.orst.edu!umn.edu!csus.edu!netcom.com!mont@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: LICENSE DELAYS

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

The only comments to my earlier suggestions on this subject were:

1) why does it need to be improved, it's as fast as it used to be when I got my ticket 20 years ago; and 2) comments on how stupid my ideas were.

Maybe my idea of eliminating some of the license classes, reducing each class license requirements, and getting more privledges is not such a great idea. I've never heard of anywhere else where they had it broken down into so many levels, and required as fast a code speed as here. But, then again, I haven't really check either. Personally, I sorta like the license class levels that exist today, it's kind of challenging and fun. My only thought was I wonder how much time FCC has to spend processing license class upgrades.

Well, if none of my ideas were any good then fine. How about you come up with some better ones. I just feel badly for the new hams having to wait so long and wondered if anything can be done to improve the situation.

Really people, don't you have any ideas on how the current licensing procedures at FCC might be improved? :-):-)

Anyways, 73

de km6wt

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Mont Pierce

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|   modes: cw,ssb,fm        |                                |
|   qth: Fremont, CA        Religion:  Jehovah's Witnesses   9/72 |
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Date: 25 Jan 93 21:20:21 GMT

From: ogicse!cs.uoregon.edu!sgiblab!darwin.sura.net!mojo.eng.umd.edu!

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Subject: Meteors de W30TC

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <9301230116.AA13126@cmr.ncsl.nist.gov> rc@cmr.ncsl.nist.gov (Robert Carpenter) writes:

>I'm happy to see a renewed interst in (at least discussion of) meteor-burst

>communication. As someone may have noted, I was the other end of the contacts

>with Ralph Wallio, W0RPK, a few years ago. We used 6 meters, 4 to 6 element
>beams and 150-250 W output... but also the worst possible modulation scheme,
>packetizing, etc, AX.25. AFSK-FM gives you a huge performance hit to start
>with, and the AX.25 scheme doesn't play well with short bursts. Some of the
>PSK or QPSK modulation schemes would be a much better start. I haven't
>followed AMTOR, but some approach that doesn't require whole, long packets to
>be perfect would be a big improvement over AX.25 . Some FEC might be a help.

I'm curious if anyone has tried to use the AEA-1232 DSP modem built in
meteor scatter mode?

-Thomas
N3HAU

Date: 26 Jan 93 01:18:19 GMT
From: ogicse!uwm.edu!cs.utexas.edu!zaphod.mps.ohio-state.edu!rpi!
cary112.its.rpi.edu!mellob@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: No Codes
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Fellow netters:

It should, at this depth of the conversation, be completely
obvious that none of us is worthy of operating on the same planet
with Mr. Deignan.

It is apparent that Mr. Deignan passed all 5 Amateur exams in
one sitting, including the 20wpm code which he spent one day
studying for.

It is also clear that Mr. Deignan knew EXACTLY what he was doing
from the first moment he turned his radio on.

It is also Clear that Mr. Deignan is the God of Ham Radio because
a God and only a God has the ability to judge another person the way he
has.

Mr. Deignan, I am not worthy of holding an Amateur Radio license.

I salute you. ^
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Troy, New York.

And in this case, I'm sure my school shares the same opinion.

Date: 25 Jan 93 19:51:00 GMT
From: pa.dec.com!engage.pko.dec.com!nntpd.lkg.dec.com!otters.enet.dec.com!
j_otterson@decwrl.dec.com
Subject: Real NoCodes
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

OK. All Flames Off.

Mr. Deignan, I personally resent the fact that you consider all no-code technician class operators to be lids. Your snide article clearly reveals your disdain for any operator less priveleged than yourself. When the no-code license was created, it was intended to bring new amateurs into the fold, and with them, a certain amount of technical experts in various fields who have been put off of amateur radio by the requirement to learn a clearly archaic mode of communication. If a certain amount of former CB operators came with them, you should bid them welcome, and try to help them become the "non-professional professional communicators" that hams should strive be, not do your best to publicly humiliate the entire class of them.

Your previous call, N1LMB, looks suspiciously like calls that have been issued to No-Code Technicians that I know. Could you have once been a greenhorn? Did you ever operate a CB rig?

You can add the following to your list:

- * real no-codes upgrade to advanced 1 month after passing their no-code.
- * real no-codes design and build a talking repeater controller from scratch.

* real no-codes get elected to ham club offices.

* real no-codes act as net control for local 2 meter ARES nets.

And yes... every one of these actually happened.

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| Jeff Otterson           | The opinions expressed here are |
| j_otterson@star.enet.dec.com | mine. No one else should be held |
| Digital Equipment Corporation | responsible for my actions.      |
| 110 Spit Brook Rd. Nashua, NH | CENSORSHIP IS THE TOOL OF TYRANTS |
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Date: 25 Jan 93 06:25:20 GMT

From: pa.dec.com!engage.pko.dec.com!nntpd.lkg.dec.com!nntpd2.cxo.dec.com!
nuts2u.enet.dec.com!little@decwrl.dec.com

Subject: Real NoCodes

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

n1mpq@anomaly.sbs.com (Tony Pelliccio) writes:

>n1mpq/aa Control Operator for 2x2ARA, Providence, RI

>And yes, my 2x2 call is on the way, thank gh0d! I'd hate to be associated
>with a no-code N#xxx call like yours. Eeeewww!

>Of course some people don't recognize humor when they see it. We're just
>having fun here. Not trying to really flame no-codes. We realize there are

Actually I submit this as proof that the code requirement causes anal
retentive behavior in most people. Fortunately for those who've upgraded
and resisted the urge to be an asshole or joke in poor taste, there's not a
100% affliction rate.

73,
Todd
N9MWB

PS To those of you on node anomaly, please stay off the weak signal and
satellite sub bands and stick with the refugees on 14.313. It's hard
enough copying DX on those sub bands without the additional noise.

Date: 25 Jan 93 22:11:14 GMT

From: hayes!bcoleman@uunet.uu.net

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <1993Jan21.152449.5163@mixcom.com>,
<1993Jan21.212752.299@nntpd2.cxo.dec.com>, <1993Jan22.104941.26862@usl.edu>
Subject : Re: Through-the-glass antennas

In article <1993Jan22.104941.26862@usl.edu>, jab0684@usl.edu (Boudreaux Jean A) writes:

> Speaking of Larsen antennas, I was the proud owner of a larsen KG 2/70
> on glass dual bander. After carefully cleaning my outside glass, and
> mounting the whip.
>...
> I gave the antenna all day to sit/set before driving off.
> Well my love affair was very short lived. After
> driving about 1 minute at just under 60 mph., the whip promptly flew
> off of the car and with a clang apparently bounced into a large
> ditch, covered with 2 foot weeds and night.

I had a similar experience. I mounted the antenna according to the instructions. Unfortunately, the mounting site on my accord is very slightly curved, so the external antenna didn't appear to engage entirely with the glass.

At first, I was worried, so I took a piece of fishing line and tied the base of the unit to the care. I drove around for 6 months and no problems, so I took the line off.

After 10 months, it fell off. Fortunately, I heard it, stopped quickly, and was able to find it rather easily. (At night, BTW)

I no longer had the fancy glass adhesive they shipped with the product (It was only good for one application). So, I tried some plain old silicon RTV.

I put a thin layer of the RTV on the base, and cleaned the glass carefully with alcohol (after cleaning it with Windex). I stuck it on there, and held it in place for 5 minutes. After that, I let it dry overnight.

I still have a safety line in place, but the RTV seems to have done the trick. It has been on for 3 months and seems to be going fine.

The original glass adhesive was rather watery, so I speculate that RTV does a better job of filling in the gap between the glass and the base. While I wouldn't grab the antenna and yank on it, I don't think it is going to fall off.

> I recommend avoiding this antenna
> and all other Larsen on glass products, because if it fails they will
> probably stick you as well.

Well, I'm pretty pleased with the Larsen, I just wish they would use a better grade of glass adhesive.

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Disclaimer: "My employer doesn't pay me to have opinions."
Quote: "The same light shines on vineyards that makes deserts." -Steve Hackett.

Date: 25 Jan 1993 07:41:29 GMT
From: sun-barr!cs.utexas.edu!usc!rpi!usenet.coe.montana.edu!news.u.washington.edu!
stein.u.washington.edu!cummings@ames.arpa
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <kd1hz.1@anomaly.sbs.com>, <1993Jan24.170416.965@mixcom.com>,
<C1E2np.G98@anomaly.sbs.com>news.u
Subject : Re: Real NoCodes

In <C1E2np.G98@anomaly.sbs.com> n1mpq@anomaly.sbs.com (Tony Pelliccio) writes:

>Of course some people don't recognize humor when they see it. We're just
>having fun here. Not trying to really flame no-codes. We realize there are
>people with gen, adv and xtra class licenses that are just as bad as the
>ones who don't have code. Ah well... have a good life.

It's easy to recognize the original post as an attempt at humor.
Indeed, one could almost hear Mr. Deignan chuckling to himself as he typed
it.

But it's also easy to see it for what it is: A series of
mean-spirited generalizations about "no-codes" disguised as humor. It's a
classic example of someone wanting to put down a whole group of people
while maintaining an easy excuse for doing so. If anyone complains, he can
say, "Hey, lighten up - It's a joke," or "I wasn't singling you out."
It's just plain cowardly.

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"To be hit by Moriyama's fastball is an honor exceeded only by being
crushed under the wheels of the Imperial carriage." - You Gotta Have Wa

End of Info-Hams Digest V93 #108
